



Community Agenda Introduction

Comprehensive local government planning in Georgia emphasizes the Community Agenda as one of the three critical documents in the planning process and as the actual document that lays out the local planning priorities and recommendations. State of Georgia comprehensive planning regulations adopted in May 2005 establish the Community Agenda as the document required to convey the community's vision for the future, the strategies and priorities that must be addressed, and the proposed program needed to implement the actions recommended by the strategic plan.

The Community Agenda documents the community's local aspirations for the future and establishes the City's plan to marry strategic goals and priorities with specifically identified tactical objectives and action programs. The general goals and priorities provide the framework of the plan for use by the City Council, City staff, advisory bodies, interested investors, and the general public. Specific policies and recommendations help to form systematic phases of plan development and actions that can be monitored and measured to ensure that the outcomes are consistent with the community goals and objectives. Efficient use of staff and resources is encouraged by the concentration of activities and resources into logical phases, and the information regarding public policy provides investors with substantive information for planning private investments.

The comprehensive planning process outlined by the May 2005 rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) limit the materials required for review and adoption by the a local elected body must review and adopt. It also emphasizes fair and effective public participation, and establishes the Community Agenda as the planning document that combines the community's vision, priorities, and programs with protection of the physical and financial resources of the community.

In addition to the recommendations for the City's vision within the existing city limits, the Dacula 2030 Comprehensive Plan includes recommendations for areas outside the City that may be annexed into the City or that may otherwise be affected by the City's proposed actions through direct or indirect impacts. The recommendations in the City's Comprehensive Plan are meant to serve as a basis for discussions and negotiation with Gwinnett County to ensure that the City's decisions in pursuit of its vision may be coordinated with the County's planning to ensure that appropriate levels of services are made available but not duplicated.

The Dacula 2030 Comprehensive Plan provides an illustrative account of the City's vision for the areas within the City and the unincorporated areas immediately adjacent to the City that could be annexed or would otherwise be affected by the City's actions regarding land development, permitted land uses, and the City's investments in physical infrastructure and socioeconomic development programs.

City of Dacula 2030 Comprehensive Plan

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These recommendations serve as a basis for discussion and negotiation with Gwinnett County to ensure that the areas on both sides of local boundaries are coordinated to ensure that services are available but not duplicated.

The strategic planning process uses the “Vision” to define the goals and the actions that need to be included in the plan. The “Vision” presents an optimistic view of the City’s future, and allows the community to formulate specific strategies to attain these objectives through the policies and the work program presented by the implementation element of the plan.

The City of Dacula 2030 Comprehensive Plan ties together many of the complex, interrelated plans for land use, economic development, environmental protection, transportation, housing, natural resources, public infrastructure, and financial investment that are anticipated to affect the City over the next 22 years.